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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/739,753

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For: NONVOLATILE FERROELECTRIC MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

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**REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 18, 2003, wherein election has been required, Applicant hereby elects the Species I according to Figs. 11a-11i, with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application. Claims 15-21, 24-31 and 34-41 read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 15-41 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

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